

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 18, line 2, please delete the sentence "Graphical user interface methods are described." ✓

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 1, 5, and 7-10 as follows: ✓ ✓

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- 1 1. (Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio
2 processing modules each having one or more tracks and each connected to a
3 computer system having a processor and a display, a graphical user interface
4 method of centrally controlling each of the one or more tracks of the plurality of
5 audio processing modules, the method comprising the steps of:
6 generating a first display portion on the display by the processor, the first
7 display portion including one or more control boxes to substantial
8 contemporaneously control a corresponding one or more tracks of the plurality of
9 audio processing modules; and
10 generating a second display portion on the display by the processor, the
11 second display portion including a central control mechanism for substantial
12 contemporaneously controlling all of the one or more tracks of the plurality of
13 audio processing modules.

1 5. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating a
2 second display portion includes [the step of said second display portion,
3 including] a global play command for controlling the one or more tracks of the
4 audio processing modules.

1 7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of generating a
2 second display portion includes [the step of said second display portion,
3 including] a global stop command for controlling the one or more tracks of the
4 audio processing modules.

1 8. (Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio
2 processing modules each having one or more input/output ("I/O") channels and
3 each connected to a computer system having a processor and a display, a
4 graphical user interface method of centrally controlling each of the one or more
5 I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules, the method
6 comprising the steps of:
7 generating a first display portion, the first display portion including one
8 or more control boxes to substantial contemporaneously control a corresponding
9 one or more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules;
10 displaying the first display portion by the processor on the display for
11 control by a user;
12 selecting a control command on a specified control box by the user;
13 transmitting the control command from the computer system to the audio
14 processing module having the I/O channel corresponding to the specified
15 control box; and
16 performing a task assigned to the control command by the audio
17 processing module with respect to the I/O channel.

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1 9. (Amended) In a player/recorder system having a plurality of audio
2 processing modules each having one or more input/output ("I/O") channels and
3 each connected to a computer system having a processor and a display, a
4 graphical user interface method of centrally controlling all of the one or more
5 I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules, the method
6 comprising the steps of:
7 generating a display portion, the display portion including a central
8 control mechanism to substantial contemporaneously control all of the one or
9 more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules;
10 displaying the display portion by the processor on the display for control
11 by a user;
12 selecting the central control mechanism;
13 transmitting a global control command associated with the central control
14 mechanism from the computer system to the plurality of audio processing
15 modules; and
16 each audio processing module, causing all the I/O channels to perform a
17 task assigned to the global control command.

1 10. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling a plurality of audio
2 processing modules in a player/recorder system, each of the plurality of audio
3 processing modules having one or more input/output ("I/O") channels, the
4 apparatus comprising:
5 a processor; and
6 a display including
7 a first display portion produced by the processor, the first display portion
8 including one or more control boxes to substantial contemporaneously control
9 corresponding I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing modules, and
10 a second display portion produced by the processor, the second display
11 portion including a central control mechanism to substantial contemporaneously
12 control all of the one or more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing
13 modules.